

BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

Parish Community



PARISH ESTABLISHED IN 1827

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *As the Eucharistic family of Our Lady Immaculate we believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We foster a welcoming and active faith community by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure. We continue to grow in the Spirit loving and serving God and each other.*

28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, Ontario N1H 4H8 519-824-3951 FAX 519-824-1920
E-Mail: ourlady@churchofourlady.com Website: www.basilicaofourlady.com

Pastoral Team

Father Ian Duffy, VF, KCHS, Rector
 Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant
 Father John Iyekowa
 Father Moices Caballero
 Deacon Quinto Tami

Basilica Staff

Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
 Amy Grey, Parish Secretary
 Brendan Shea, Custodian

Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
 Julian Mason, Sub-Organist
 Bruce Taylor, Organ Scholar

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00 noon
1:00pm - 4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 519-731-2563

Elementary Schools:

Saint Michael School
 9 McElderry Road
 Principal: Corey Malone.....519-823-2455
Saint Paul School
 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470
Saint Ignatius of Loyola School
 251 Colonial Drive
 Principal: Kellie Angerilli.....519-822-6192

Welcome to Newcomers in the parish.

Registration forms are available at the office, at the back of the Church or on our website.

Hospital Registration:

Please be sure to indicate your religion and parish when entering the hospital.

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Liturgies:

See schedule inside

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8:30 am to 12:00 noon
 First Fridays 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Sick and Shut-in Ministry:

Contact the parish office if you would like someone to bring Communion or to visit/call you.

High Schools:

Bishop Macdonell High School
 200 Clair Road West
 Principal: Michael MacPherson...519-822-8502
Our Lady of Lourdes
 54 Westmount Road
 Principal: Valerie Markes.....519-836-2170
Saint James High School
 57 Victoria Road North
 Principal: Steve Gulyas.....519-822-4290
St. John Bosco
 19 Northumberland Street
 Principal: Sandra Cummings.....519-824-8909

Bequests:

Please consider a bequest to the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate to maintain our parish as a Symbol of Faith for future generations.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 First Saturday of the Month: 8:00 am - 8:45am

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office at least two months prior to the proposed date of Baptism. Application forms are available on the website.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the Parish at least one year in advance before the proposed date of the marriage.

Sacrament of Anointing: Available upon request.

Correspondence Course:

This program is available to assist parents in the religious education of their children. It is available from Kindergarten to High School.

Funeral and Burial Arrangements:

When a death occurs in your family, please advise the parish immediately and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial please contact the Cemetery Office at 836-8814 or 1-800-661-5985.
www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 19th – Victoria Day

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Jean Mi, Jorgia Sialana, Intentions of Tim & Mary-Ann Kenny

Tuesday, May 20th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Tomas Semlok

Wednesday, May 21st

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Cresenciano Sialana

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 a.m. – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Allaine Jeffrey Sialana, William John Toth

Thursday, May 22nd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Giuseppe “Joe” Arpa

Friday, May 23rd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Marivic Sialana

Saturday, May 24th

11:00 a.m. – Spring Mass at Marymount Cemetery

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Elisa Sante Baggio, Maria Jesenek, Giovanni Michieli, Guy & Rita Soligo, Pelagia Tantoy

Sunday, May 25th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

10:00 am. – KOC Breakfast

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

12:00 p.m. – KOC Breakfast

1:00 p.m. - Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 5th week of Easter, beginning on Sunday, May 18th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Katherine Nixon and burn for the intentions of Bishop Ustrzycki.

To request that one of the lamps be lit for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one, please call or visit the Parish Office. A donation of \$10.00 per lamp is requested.

Stewardship of Treasure

† Thank you for your gifts collected in the amount of \$10,532.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? If God is calling you to be a Priest, Religious or Deacon contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PARISH NEWS

Message of thanks from our new Father Moices

Caballero

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Ordination in Hamilton and my Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday. I will keep you all in my prayers and ask that you all keep me in yours as I start this incredible journey serving our Father and our community.

God Bless

Father Moices

Farewell Fr. John and Fr. Moices – Welcome Fr. Paul

His Excellency Bishop Crosby has assigned Fr. John to St. Pius X, Brantford, and Fr. Moices to St. Joseph's, Guelph effective June 25 ,2025. The Bishop has also assigned Fr. Paul Niesiobedzki, currently the Associate Pastor at St. Gabriel's, Burlington, as our new Associate Pastor effective the same day. We thank Fr. John and Fr. Moices for their presence, ministry, and joyful witness at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, and we wish them many blessings in their new ministries.

RCIA 2025-2026

Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation)? If so, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you. The RCIA is a journey of faith delving into the riches of our Catholic Tradition, and preparing people for Baptism, Reception into the Catholic Church, or completion of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The journey begins in September 2025 and will culminate at the Easter Vigil in April 2026. Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 season. Please call the Parish Office to register at (519) 824-3951. Please register early.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study

The young adult book study group will be discussing "The Friendship of Christ" by Robert Hugh Benson starting on Wednesday, May 21st at 5:45pm. The meeting will be in the parish hall of the Basilica of Our Lady, starting with a potluck dinner. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend. Please contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com to RSVP.

Basilica Knights of Columbus

Preparations for our Eucharistic Procession in Guelph are underway, and you are invited to join the planning team. This year, our Procession will be on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22nd, beginning at the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate following 2 pm Mass.

Planning meeting dates: May 27, June 3, 10, 17. Meetings start at 7pm.

Where: Lourdes Room, at the Basilica Office: 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph

For further information, please contact Craig Chamberlain at dd69@ontariokofc.ca

CWL Father Diemert Memorial Bursary

This past year the Catholic Women's League at the Basilica reviewed the criteria and selection process for the Father Diemert Memorial Bursary that was initiated in 1987.

Father Diemert was the Pastor of our Parish from 1979 to 1986. He passed away on July 1, 1986, while he was in the position of Pastor at our Parish.

Our new process will focus more on Parish involvement and will include an application form for students to complete.

The following criteria must be met by the student:

- must be entering the first year of an accredited college, trade school or university;
- must be a practicing Catholic as verified by Father Ian; and
- must be active in Parish activities i.e. altar server, choir member, volunteer with the Catholic

Women's League, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, or Children's Liturgy, or any other Parish ministry as verified by the applicable member of the Basilica.

A maximum of 3 bursaries are available each year.

The application forms will be available in the south tower of the Basilica in the brochure holder.

The deadline for applications is June 2, 2025. The notification of acceptance is June 10, 2025.

Basilica Golf Tournament

It's time to clean those clubs and brush up your golf swings! The Parish Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 1st at 1:00 p.m. at Victoria Park Valley Golf Course. We will be selling tickets for this event at the back of the church after all masses during the month of May. Tickets are \$125 for golf with cart and dinner or \$35 for dinner only. You may make up your own foursome or we can place you in one if you are a single or a group less than four. Join us for what is always a fun time - and remember, the sun always shines on a golf course.

Monthly Catholic Women's League Evening Holy Hour

Starting this month of May, join the Catholic Women's League (CWL) every third Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration. Every month the Holy Hour will be for a new prayer intention. This month the intention will be for the needs and intentions of parishioners of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. All are welcome.

OTHER NEWS

Marian Residence Volunteers Welcome

The Marian Residences at 640 Hillview Rd. in Cambridge are looking for volunteers willing to lend a helping hand with some simple yet important tasks at their front desk. The tasks include answering phone calls, taking messages, and allowing admittance into the access-controlled building.

The working shifts are negotiable however the minimum mandatory age of any interested persons is 25.

If you feel that you could lend a hand in a calm and caring environment, please contact Sr Mary Pio, the Volunteer Coordinator at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent at 519-653-6752.

Join us for Michael House's 20th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign!

Since 2005, our community has come together each spring to support vulnerable mothers and babies through this simple but powerful campaign. Over the years, together we've raised more than \$513,000 — one bottle at a time. Pick up a baby bottle, and from Mother's Day (May 11) to Father's Day (June 15) fill it with coins, bills, cheques — and love. Every bottle filled helps Michael House provide shelter, care, and a fresh start to families in need.

To donate online or learn more, visit

<https://www.michaelhouse.ca/event/baby-bottle-campaign/>

Religious Education Program – In-Person Classes

St. Joseph's Church is providing in-person Religious Catechism Classes for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for students who attend public or private schools from grade 1 through to grade 7. It is also open to those children whose parents wish to have their children learn more about their Catholic Faith. Classes are every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm starting September 16, 2025, and run through to May 2026. For more information, please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451 or email: religiousedstjosephguelph@gmail.com. Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries. **THE BASILICA WILL NOT BE DOING PRIVATE LESSONS MOVING FORWARD.**

Walk for Life – Guelph & Fergus

Join us for the Walk for Life on Saturday, May 24, 2025 in Guelph or Fergus! This family-friendly walk is an opportunity to publicly witness to the value of every human life and to raise funds for Guelph & Area Right to Life's lifeaffirming work in our communities.

Guelph: Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk St

Fergus: Maranatha Canadian Reformed Church, 600 Belsyde Ave East.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m., walk begins at 10:00 a.m., lunch will be provided after the walk. Sponsor forms are available online at www.guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life or at the GARTL office (26 Norfolk St., Guelph). Register or donate online at guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life or call 519-836-6311.

35 Harvard Road, Guelph
NOFRILLS
won't be beat

domenica's

Campus Estate Plaza



Dallan HAIRSTYLING
Silvano, Paul & Steven Leombruni
30 Edinburgh Rd. N. 519-824-9460

BARZOTTI WOODWORKING
Custom made Kitchen Cupboards and Vanities
2 Watson Road 519-821-3670

IRELAND IRELAND
A TRUSTED NAME IN REAL ESTATE SINCE 1998
COLDWELL BANKER
519 835 SOLD (7653)

987 York Rd. 519-836-7060
CERAMIC DECOR
TILE & STONE PROFESSIONALS

Sylvan Learning
Free Assessments
Grades K-12
All Subjects
Mention Our Lady Immaculate for 1st class free
519-823-5711 sylvan.guelph@gmail.com

TAMBRO CONSTRUCTION LTD.
• general contracting
• design - build
• build to lease
1 Taggart St., Unit 1
519-766-1234

Barry Cullen
CHEVROLET CADILLAC
Guelph Automall • 905 Woodlawn Rd. West
Guelph 519-824-0210 K/W/Camb 519-651-2425

FERRA FLOORING LTD.
Carpet • Vinyl • Ceramics
Sales and Installations
Call: Aaron Ferraccioli
322 York Rd., Guelph 519-821-1850

DAVE MERKLEY
Roofing Ltd.
FREE ESTIMATES • 36th Anniversary
519-822-0027

EVELYN NEUMANN
BROKER
MARIA SMITH
REALTOR®, B.Sc., M.Sc.
EVELYN & MARIA REALTORS®
www.evelynandmaria.ca
519 831 8393 evelyn@cbn.on.ca 519 831 4089 maria@cbn.on.ca

Vinnie's Vince Klimkosz
Class "A" Licenced Mechanic
Full Automotive Services
TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU BETTER
30 Hayes Ave. 519.821.8880
41 Woodlawn Rd. W. 519.821.1888
(in front of Walmart)
fast • reliable • friendly service
www.vinniesmfixit.com

STEFFLER HEARING AID SERVICE
Complimentary Hearing Tests
Jennifer Steffler
200 Yorkshire St. N. 519-823-8235

LOYOLA HOUSE
Retreats & Ignatian Training
loyolahouse.com

RE/MAX
Real Estate Centre Inc. Brokerage
For Results that Move You!

Linda & Nick Duszczyszyn
Sales Representatives & Parishioners
519-993-5505 (L)
519-803-9570 (N)
lindad@remaxcentre.ca • nickd@remaxcentre.ca
lindasellsguelph.com • nickdrealty.com

WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME
Locally Owned & Family Operated
\$5995 + HST - service with casket included
519-822-0051 www.wallcustance.com

Brombal
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE
Dean Brombal
President & Managing Director
Family Owned & Operated since 1932
519-824-0031 www.Brombal.ca

Personal Care • Family Respite • Companionship • Meal Preparation
Housekeeping • Transitions of Care • Laundry • Home Support
Call to schedule a FREE at-home consultation
guelph-cambridge@comforcare.com
519-835-2273 ComForCare HOME CARE

Luisa's
DRAPERIES + INTERIORS LTD.
Since 1969
727 Woolwich St. 519-824-6920

Van Harten
SURVEYING INC.
LAND SURVEYORS and ENGINEERS
Phone 519-821-2763
info@vanharten.com www.vanharten.com
2106 Gordon St, Guelph, ON N1L 1G6

FRONTIERS
DESIGN + BUILD
Landscapes | Renovations | High-Performance Homes
frontiersdesignbuild.com | @frontiers_designbuild

PROFESSIONAL HOME CLEANING
House, Condo & Apartments
Windows • Ovens • Refrigerators
Deep Cleaning or Scheduled
Call Danuta for a Free Estimate 905-781-1737

Brazolot Migration Group
Canadian Immigration Visa Specialists
brazolotmigration.com
info@brazolotgroup.com
1-888-922-3228

Shopping Locally Saves Gas

WILLOW WEST DENTAL OFFICE
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
Orthodontics, laughing gas, wisdom teeth removal, implants
Call today to book: 519-836-1077
Mon/Fri 8am-6pm, Tue 7am-6pm Wed/Thu 7am-8pm
106 Silvercreek Pkwy. N. Unit 4 (Shoppers Drug Mart Plaza)

McELDERRY & MORRIS
Barristers & Solicitors
Practice Established in 1921
Sergio J. Manera, B. Math, LL.B.
Patrick G. Morris, B.A. LL.B.
Gregory G. Matthews, B.A., M.B.A., LL.B.
Elliott Braganza, M.Mus., J.D.
Hayes Murphy, (1936-2022)
Jerry W. Matthews, (1927-2018)
Patrick J. Morris, (1923-2012)
84 Woolwich St. GUELPH
519-822-8150

Farnworth Memorials
Quality Memorials | Experts in Design
755 Woolwich St. opp. Woodlawn Cemetery
Visit us at SuperiorMemorials.com 519-763-4567

Remember...
Let our advertisers know you saw their ad here.

GILBERT MACINTYRE & SON
www.GilbertMacIntyreAndSon.com
SINCE 1933
DUBLIN CHAPEL
519-822-4731
HART CHAPEL
519-821-5077

WILL LENSSEN
Broker
C: 519-830-4799
4wlenssen@gmail.com
K of C Council 10631

Remember...
Let our advertisers know you saw their ad here.

Complimentary lunch with tour
Call Dorothy today
guelphlakecommons retirement living
Independent Retirement Living
520 Victoria Rd N
519-589-1187